

Review  
of my activities in 1956/57

During the period from the end of October, 1956, to the end of October, 1957, there were only three cases of some importance as to my work here ( not included the time I spent in Germany, i.e. August/September, 1957 ):

1. spotting and assessment of prospective candidates for the so-called Second Group ( in December, 1956, and March/April, 1957 ).  
I spent here apr. two weeks in traveling and apr. one month in preparing the reports about these candidates.  
In my opinion it was a necessary task in the long range aspect and the results were encouraging; I felt more or less capable to do this job.
2. ANNA's case - arranging the meeting between JOHN and ANNA, exchanging of letters between ANNA and me while he was in Sweden, working on the materials ( photographs and explanations ) ANNA had submitted to JOHN.  
However, my correspondence with ANNA's mother, after ANNA had left, has created more confusion than additional info. The reasons of it should be clear.
3. Briefing of K.VIDENIEKS for his work in Madrid as well as interviewing him during his stay here ( Febr.- May, 1957 ) on many persons of interest in Latvia as well as abroad; discussions about the broadcasts from Madrid. However, I have got no instructions whether I should participate at these broadcasts ( by writing features, for instance ) or not; in Oct./Nov., 1956, I prepared only four features though in the previous six month ( April to September ) I had prepared 27 features for the broadcasts from Madrid. Since nobody has told me whether I am supposed to participate in this project or not, I have stayed out of it almost completely mainly because I don't want to disturb my colleague, Mr.SINGER, who is in charge of this project. I am not sure whether my attitude is right or wrong.

These three cases illustrate quite well how spotty have been my activities and the following summary is going to increase this opinion.

Office work:

- a. prepared apr. 700 cards for our card-index; re-written, i.e. supplemented apr.50 old ones; received no definite instructions as to this work;
- b. prepared 20 - 25 documents, mostly translations and/or excerpts from Soviet Latvian publications or Latvian exile press; submitted to JOHN or HARRY;
- c. compiled patriotic Latvian poems for a propaganda leaflet to be sent to Latvia; prepared a listing of apr. 200 persons in Latvia ( from Soviet Latvian publications and other sources ) with addresses where these leaflets should be sent by mail; though 500 copies of these leaflets have been printed last summer, no action has followed for reasons unknown to me;
- d. reading of the Soviet Latvian as well as Latvian exile publications  
( Cina, Zvaigzne, Karogs, Literatura un Moksle - Soviet publications;  
Laiks, Latvija (in Germany), Australijas Latvietis, Amerikas Latvietis,  
Briviba - in exile, published periodically ); now and then preparing

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some excerpts or translations from them (see b); in general it takes much time to read them but it is still not clear who should do what with them - no clear-cut instructions have been given, except for some questions now and then according to the actual situation or some special, temporary interests of the HQs;

- e. correspondence with persons of operational or informational interest; during last year ( Oct.'56 - Oct.'57 ) apr. 125 letters have been exchanged, among them apr. 60 written by me, i.e. apr. five letters monthly. The main correspondents ( grouped by the frequency of the letters ):
- Mrs. APSITIS Milda - Gothenburg, Sweden; ANNA's case;
  - Mr. EGLITIS Andrejs - Stockholm, Sweden; special info, news, projects;
  - Mrs. HAULTAIN M.S. - Oakland, Calif.; her relatives and friends in Latvia;
  - Mrs. INDOVINO Marija - Rome, Italy; expected visit of her son to Rome;
  - Mrs. GAILITIS Beata - Barrie, Ont., Canada; her daughter in Latvia;
  - Mr. DIJIS Olgerts - Waverly, Ohio; info from Latvia, acquaintances there;
  - Mr. NITTENBERGS Aleks - Columbus, Ohio; spotting, info;
  - Mr. LUKINS Janis - Stockholm, Sweden; meeting arrangements in USA;
  - Mr. NEPARTS Arturs - Detroit, Mich.; info;
  - Mr. GALINDOS Arturs - Boston, Mass.; spotting;
  - Mr. JUNEISIYS Pēteris - Stockholm, Sweden; special info (started in Oct.'57).
- Some of these letters ( both to and from ) have been translated and submitted to the HQs, especially those of Mrs. APSITIS Milda and Mrs. INDOVINO Marija; some time has been spent as to the proper answers with JOHN and HARRY.

#### Outside contacts:

Very few, almost non-existent, except for the meetings of Mr. EGLITIS Andrejs and Mr. LUKINS Janis who both visited USA last spring. Now and then I have visited Latvian Minister, Dr. SPEIKKE Arnolds, mainly in connection of the expected trip by a/m Mr. EGLITIS Andrejs to USA; also in order to get some background info about a/m Mrs. INDOVINO Marija.

As I see it my main work has been consulting JOHN and HARRY from case to case and to fill in the rest of my working time by some chance projects or not well regulated old and odd <sup>or</sup> routine job, f.i. card index, excerpts of specified topics from Cipa. Of course, a fluent, efficient work here was interrupted by my trip overseas thus its planning for a longer time possibly was more difficult than previously though up to now I have not been able to observe much of such planning at my present place of work, i.e. since October, 1954.

In my opinion much time is wasted also during the outside meetings with our superiors. These are rather valuable for the build-up of our morale but not very efficient, if business should be done, because of the environment. Instead I would propose once a week a well-planned business meeting to discuss all the current problems and to give/receive instructions and outlines for the future work.

The greatest obstacle to our work here, however, comes from the fact that we are usually completely in dark as to <sup>the</sup> broader outlines of our activities. Many projects have been started - without explaining them to us fully - then dropped; only in rare cases we have been informed about the results. But in our situation these results ( positive as well as negative ) are almost of the same if not greater importance as the money we are receiving for our job. In this regard I for my own feel <sup>being</sup> badly underpaid.

Operational contacts with persons  
( Oct.'56 - Oct.'57 )

Except for the two cases mentioned in Review ( LUKINS Janis and EGLITIS Andrejs ) as well as the persons contacted during my trips of spotting, no direct, personal contacts have been made.

As to the contacts by letters - shown in my Review, too - their purpose has been as follows:

1. APSITIS Milda, Mrs. - to get from her info about ANNA, gathered from ANNA's letters to her in Sweden; to instruct her about the letters prepared by her for S/W, and receiving of these letters here; obtaining of additional info about persons known to ANNA or in connection with ANNA from her; receiving other news about the Latvians in Sweden from her;
2. EGLITIS Andrejs - to get info about escapees from ~~Sweden~~ Latvia to Sweden as well as the movement of legal travelers between these countries; to discuss and support the propaganda activities planned by the Latvian National Foundation in Scandinavia ( I am considered as one of its representatives here );
3. <sup>SVEILIS</sup> HAULTAIN Marga S., Mrs. - to get info from her about her relatives (mother and sister) and acquaintances in Latvia who might be of operational value; to follow the development of the possible emigration of the a/m relatives from Latvia to USA;  
*Since 30 good info about persons other than into family letter*
4. INDOVINO Merija, Mrs. - to get info from her about the expected trip of her son, OLIVS Talivaldis, from Latvia to Italy;
5. <sup>in Canada</sup> GAILITIS Beata, Mrs. - to be in contact through her with JANSONS Ragnija in Latvia since the latter has much info as to the former and possibly present members of the Latvian national underground ( JANSONS Ragnija, f.i., was able to give a valuable clue as to the present role of WOLDEMAR );
6. <sup>agreement</sup> DIKIS Olgerts - to get info from him about the conditions and some persons in Latvia.

The a/m persons, especially the cases of 1, 2 and 4, are more or less known to the HQs. Only two of them, i.e. EGLITIS Andrejs and INDOVINO Merija, have been met personally ( the latter case took place during my overseas assignment ).

As to the correspondence with JANELSINS Peteris in Stockholm, Sweden, it is only a temporary one since it should be done between JOHN in Germany and P.JANELSINS after the latter would be cleared for his work with us.